Setting up of national and international institutes in Orissa

†4044. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any announcement for setting up many national and international level educational institutes in Orissa has been made in the recent past;

(b) if so, the names of such institutes;

(c) by when these institutes are likely to be set up, alongwith their locations;

(d) the proposals pending with the Central Government from the State, pertaining to higher learning institutes; and

(e) whether there is any proposal to accord IIT-status to engineering institute located in Burla in Sambalpur district?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATID. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) Central Government has decided to set up one IIT and two Central Universities in Orissa during the Xlth Five Year Plan. While one Central University, aiming at achieving world class standards, is proposed to be located in Bhubaneshwar, the location of the other Central University and IIT would depend on the various sites as may be offered, free of cost, by the State Government.

(d) State Government of Orissa has requested for the setting up of an Indian Institute of Information Technology (HIT) in the State. This request will be taken into consideration while deciding the locations'of twenty IIITs to be set up during the Xlth Plan.

(e) There is no proposal at present with the Central Government to accord IIT status to the engineering institute at Burla in Sambalpur.

Opening of Kendriya Vidyalayas

4045. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering a proposal to open more Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs), with special focus on students from Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe communities;

(b) if so, the details in mis regard, with the number of KVs to be opened;

(c) whether Government is also considering a proposal to improve the quality of education in KVs and extend the expansion programme in campuses/institutes of higher learning; and

(d) if so, details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALIASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Opening of Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) depends on viable proposals received from the Sponsoring Authorities and is subject to availability of funds and approval of Competent Authority. However, out of 50 KVs sanctioned in Special Focus Districts having substantial concentration of SC/ST population, 47 KVs have been made functional during 2007-08 and 2008-09 (till 30.4.2008). The details of such KVs are given in the Statement *(See* below).

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